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Whereas, it is essential to conduct the ensuing General Election to Legislative Assembly 2012 on 03-03-2012 within the North Goa District in a free and fair manner thereby maintaining public peace, law and order and tranquility as per the provisions of law and the Model Code of Conduct which is applicable w.e.f. 23-12-2011.

And whereas, there is likelihood of law and order problems and violence during last 48 hours of the poll due to—

- a) Increased political competition and tensions.
- b) Massive processions and rallies conducted by candidates under the garb of house to house visits or corner meetings in all constituencies and thus creating nuisance and law and order problems.
- c) Allegations and counter allegations about distribution of money or gifts or liquor by supporters/workers moving in groups or in vehicles, thus creating nuisance and law and order problems.

Therefore, I, R. Mihir Vardhan, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji in exercise of the powers

vested in me under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 do hereby order that:-

- 1) From 17.00 hrs. of 1st March, 2012 to 00.00 hrs. of 3rd March, 2012 in all 23 Assembly Segments in the jurisdiction of North Goa District.
 - a) Any Assembly of five or more persons (including contesting candidates & workers) will be deemed as unauthorized Assembly u/s 141 of the Indian Penal Code and will be prohibited to avoid any procession or rally under the garb of house to house visits or corner meetings and to prevent any nuisance and law and order problems.
 - b) All vehicles permitted to all Contesting Candidates by the Returning Officer shall not ply on roads.
 - c) All vehicles shall be checked in dignified and polite manner to prevent their misuse for distribution of money or gifts of liquor and for causing any nuisance.

However, the above Order shall not apply to Officers authorized on Election Duty by the Election Commission or the State Government, including the Polling Officials/Magistrates, Police Officials and Government Staff on election duty.

Given under my hand and seal of this Office, on this 1st day of March, 2012.

R. Mihir Vardhan,
District Magistrate/
/District Election Officer,
North Goa, Panaji.

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